

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 29, 2003

TO: MEMBERS, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: SUE STICKEL
Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction Branch

SUBJECT: Approval of 12 New High Priority Schools

The High Priority Schools Office (HPSO) was notified in July that it would receive an additional \$4.5 million to fund new schools in 2003-04. This amount, along with funds reappropriated from the 2002-03 budget, will allow 12 additional schools to participate in the High Priority Schools Grant Program (HPSGP). These schools applied for this program and received a positive review of their application from staff. Schools were notified of their eligibility to apply for funding on August 7, 2003. All affirmed their commitment to participate. Upon acceptance of funding, each school has agreed to the following conditions:

- Schools approved at the November Board meeting will receive \$720 per student for fiscal year 2003-04. Consistent with Senate Bill 18 (Chesbro, Chapter 4, Statutes of 2003-04 First Extraordinary Session) schools that participate in HPSGP received \$320 per student in fiscal year 2002-03 and will receive \$400 per student in 2003-04. The schools will subsequently be eligible to receive \$400 per student for fiscal year 2004-05, pending availability of funds in the 2004-05 Budget Act.
- Funds allocated in fiscal year 2003-04 may be carried over into 2004-05.
- Schools agreeing to accept these funds will be subject to the same accountability and timeline standards as schools that received their funding beginning in 2002-03. In other words, even though these schools will not receive funding to implement their action plans until 2003-04, they will be held accountable for making their API growth targets and/or significant growth for 2002-03.

[Attachment 1](#): CDE Funding Recommendations for Additional High Priority Schools
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